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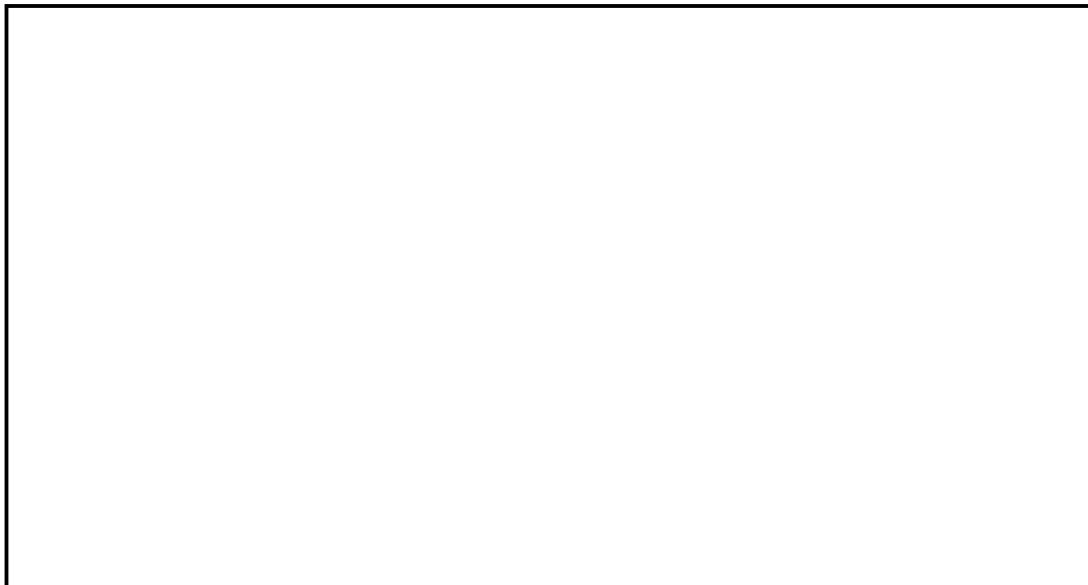
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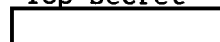
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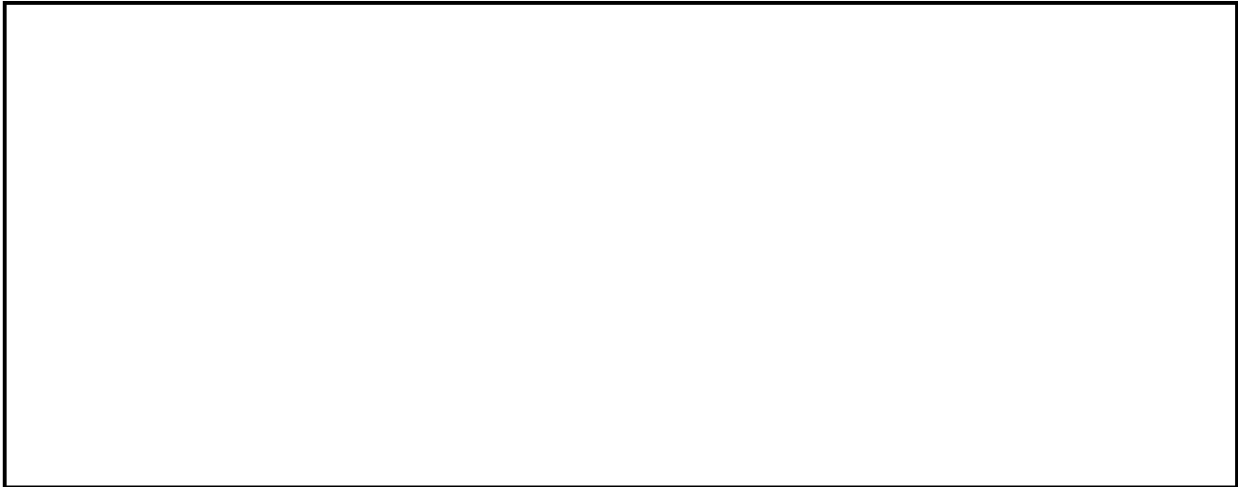
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GREECE: Municipal Election Returns

Preliminary results from the first round of nationwide municipal elections yesterday show a drop in support for Prime Minister Papandreou's Socialist Party in the large urban areas. The Communists managed to top 20 percent in several major cities, compared to a national election average of 11 percent last year, while the conservative New Democracy Party added 4 to 6 percentage points to their 1981 average of 35 percent. The top two contenders in each of the major cities--where no candidate received an absolute majority--will face a runoff election next Sunday. [REDACTED]

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Comment: Although local issues determined results in many areas, dissatisfaction with the grim economic outlook probably was largely responsible for the loss of Socialist popularity. Each party, however, is likely to interpret the results to put itself in the best light. The Socialists will discourage comparisons with last year's elections and will point to their strong showing in the countryside as an endorsement of their decentralization policies. The Communists, who apparently captured a large portion of the youth vote, are likely to be emboldened by their gains and to begin confronting the government more vigorously in the future; nonetheless, they almost certainly will back those Socialists who face runoffs against conservative candidates. [REDACTED]

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